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## **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 18, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20012), for which a response was due on March 18, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 18, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.